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# Artists of Abraham Lincoln portraits

Toepfert

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# The Beard Art Galleries

66 and 68 South Tenth Street

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Minneapolis

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January 15, 1935.

Lincoln National Life Insurance Co.,  
Fort Wayne, Indiana.

Gentlemen:

You are surely making a real contribution to the interest and admiration which exists towards the life, character and service of Abraham Lincoln.

I thank you for sending the little folder entitled "A Concise Biography", containing some eight pictures of Mr. Lincoln. As Art dealers, we have gathered in some portraits that are similar to those you are publishing, but we have some which you may or may not know of. Some time ago, we purchased a very interesting sepia photograph of Lincoln. The size of this print is  $7 \frac{3}{4} \times 9 \frac{1}{2}$ ". It is evidently from a drawing, done, we think, by a man named Toepfert in Cincinnati. I think it is wonderfully well done from the standpoint of drawing and portraiture, and I should suppose it is valuable because of its evident reality. If you are not familiar with this picture but are interested, we might state that this can be sold for \$7.50.

We have just come across a photograph of Lincoln which belongs to a lady in Minneapolis. She states that it has been in their family since the close of the Civil War. It is so closely like your picture entitled "Statesman - 1864", that we presume both are from the same source (and perhaps there may be many prints taken from the original negative) and therefore has perhaps no particular value. The print is mounted on a piece of decorative cardboard and is an oval photograph measuring  $1 \frac{1}{2} \times 2$ ". If you have not a copy of this, it is possible that you might like to acquire it. Our correspondent asks us to tell her whether it has any value. We should suppose both of these pictures might easily be acquired, though both are surely especially worth while from the two standpoints we have mentioned.

I should be glad to hear from you, so as to give our friend an answer as to whether this small oval photograph is valuable, and also to hear about the Toepfert drawing which we think is particularly interesting. Your kind reply will be much appreciated.

Yours very truly,

*Harington Beard*

HB/MEW.





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January 17, 1935

Mr. Harrington Beard  
The Beart Art Galleries  
66 and 68 South Tenth Street  
Minneapolis, Minnesota

My dear Sir:

Thank you for your kind letter with reference to our historical research work here in Fort Wayne. Thank you very much for calling to our attention the photographs which are available. The first one you mention, however, we have, and the original print of the decorative cardboard I am quite positive is similar to several which we have.

We are not allowed to appraise Lincoln articles here, but I feel quite sure the one your client has is similar to those which were distributed by the thousands during the Civil War days, and which have not great value upon them.

Very truly yours,

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Director  
Lincoln National Life Foundation

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